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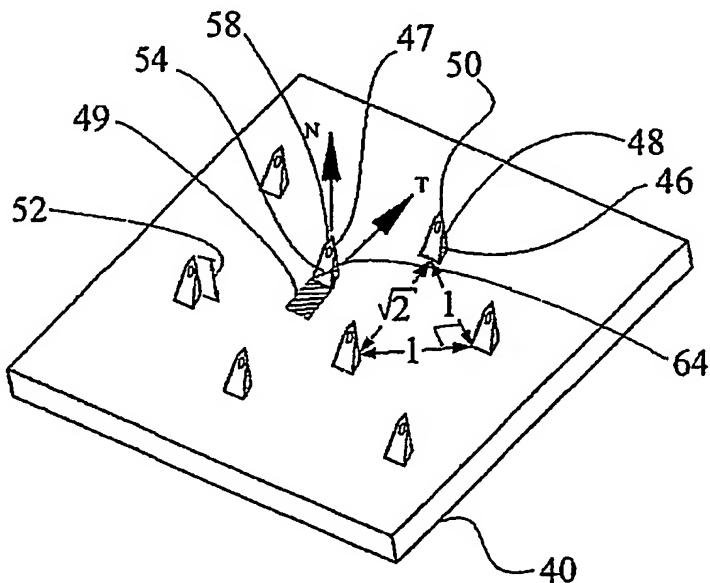
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effective area is defined as an area marked out by translating the base area of the leading microneedle, by the height of the leading microneedle, in a direction opposite to the sliding direction.

(57) Abstract: A microneedle device for transporting fluid through a surface of a biological barrier, the device including a fluid transport configuration, an abutment member and a displacement device. The fluid transport configuration includes a substrate having a substantially planar surface having a plurality of microneedles projecting therefrom. The abutment member has an abutment surface for abutting the biological barrier. The displacement device is configured for generating a relative lateral sliding movement between the surface of the biological barrier and the fluid transport configuration in a sliding direction of the microneedles. The microneedles are arranged so that a leading microneedle defines an effective area which is void of another microneedle. The



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